

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2024**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on January 22, 2024, in the library. The meeting was called to order by Dave Osmotherly, Board President, at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, Attorney Mike Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve December 18, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.*

Public Participation – no participation.

Old Business

High School Construction Cope has been in contact with Scull Construction regarding the temperatures in the classrooms. Scull agreed to send an outside agent to inspect the condition of the insulation and any work would be covered under their warranty. Big Rock Installation will be providing an inspection on Wednesday the 24th.

Bus Barn The AIA contract from TSP has been forwarded to Kyle for review.

Modulars MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to locate three property owners, in Oelrichs School District, to appraise and report the value of the modular in surplus. Motion carried.

Once the values of the modular are determined a notice can be published.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to publish the notice for sealed bids to be submitted by April 30th for the board to review at the May board meeting. The bid price includes the removal and cleanup including the decking and skirting; the removal and cleanup can begin on July 1st and must be completed by August 10. Motion carried.

Board Reports Merdanian attended Communities That Care and BHSSC monthly meetings.

Osmotherly informed the board that the Associated School Board is accepting nominations if any board member is interested.

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve the board to pay (\$125) for Merdanian to attend the 2024 Negotiations / Collective Bargaining webinars. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

Administration Reports Stone informed the board that the 7002 Impact Aid application has been submitted. 7003 is in the final phase of completion, with the remaining component collecting the signatures from BIA and the tribal president.

Stone shared with the board his proposal to begin researching a four-day school week. A committee consisting of a teacher, administrator, board member, and parent is being developed. Stone handed out a questionnaire he created for the committee. He stressed that the decision to move to a four-day school week should be based on evidence and that the decision is ultimately the school boards.

Stone recognized the hard work of the basketball coaches. Both boys and girls have made significant improvements over the season. He shared that the coaches have expressed interest in attending and possibly hosting summer camps. Next year's volleyball season schedule is complete.

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The school has multiple positions open for next year including head cook, cook, athletic director, 2-3 grade teacher, PE teacher, and transportation director. Stone and Peterson plan to attend career fairs this spring to recruit. Stone also will begin posting the open positions in multiple listings.

Peterson addressed the concerns of hourly not getting hours due to school closures. She shared that staff have been offered opportunities to work additional hours; hourly staff members have not taken advantage of the opportunity as of date.

Stone informed the board the Attorney Hickey will be drafting a letter to the association explaining the difference between student contact hours and teacher contract days. The letter will be presented to the board at the next meeting for approval.

There were concerns expressed about the current custodial staff being able to provide the necessary snow removal during the winter if they live out of town.

Financials

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to accept the unaudited financial reports and pay all invoiced claims. Motion carried.

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Plus</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>unearned</u> <u>revenue</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	493,350.63	57,582.65		206,282.12	344,651.16
Capital Outlay	62,368.33	49,483.85		19,446.95	92,405.23
Special Education	112,918.24	14,375.17		23,954.56	103,338.85
Impact Aid	6,280,059.03	20,225.09			6,300,284.12
Food Service	11,262.83	9,165.99	7,546.69	16,595.45	11,380.06
Custodial Balance:	17,195.05			517.26	16,677.79

Attendance Incentives

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve spending \$2,400 in vouchers to Home Haven for attendance incentives. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve open enrollment for students #41 and #42 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to deny open enrollment for student #43 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

Contracts no action.

Personnel

MOTION by Tlustos , second Merdanian to approve the employment agreement with Clinton Levy (welding instructor), effective January 1, 2024, for \$23,239.62. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, February 12 at 5:00pm in the Elementary School Library.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

Pursuant to SDCL 17-2-28 the approximate cost of publishing this legal notice is \$